

EDWARD HILLS COLUMN

WALTER MAILS, former Seattle Giant, Brooklyn Dodger and Pittsburgh Pirate, is coming back from the major league to where he got his first baseball knowledge—the Portland Coast League club.

It wasn't so very many years ago since the big southpaw was a little youngster, acting as bat boy for the club he is to join in San Francisco Saturday.

Mails now makes his home in Los Angeles, and it was from the sand lots of the California city that he was picked by Daniel Edward Dugdale for the local club. From here he went to the Brooklyn Dodgers, and last year helped the lads divide up the losing end of the world's series lake.

Wait never had much of a chance with Brooklyn, and evidently Jimmy Callahan didn't like him well enough to keep him in Pittsburgh, as he was but recently sent to the Pirates by the Dodgers.

THAT MAILS WAS due to step out of the big show, and that if he did would be to the Portland club, was forecast in this column a short time ago.

When Mails was here, last winter, on his way home, he stated that he would like to get back on the Coast with one of the clubs in the Coast League.

It isn't getting into the game often enough to suit me up there in the big show," he declared. "I would rather take my regular turn in the Coast league than sit through the season as a member of any club in the big show."

It also stated that McCredie tried to get him from Brooklyn last season.

JACK SMITH, the fleet-footed youngster who went to the St. Louis Cardinals from the Seattle club two seasons ago, is certainly cracking the ball out these days in the big show.

When the last averages were figured up, Smith was leading all of the other former Northwestern and Pacific Coast players, with an average of .324. "Dutch" Reuther, former Spokane Indian, is Jack's nearest rival from the Northwestern league, with .370.

In the American league, Harry Hellman is leading former Northwestern league players with .373 for Detroit. Evidently the lads from the Coast are not hitting in the American like they are in the older circuit.

"Chuck" Ward, former Aberdeen shortstop, is clicking the apple at .283 for the Pirates; Holke is hitting for New York; Mann and Hays are hitting at .240 for the Detroit Red Sox, while "Skeet" Biese is in a slump, batting but .165 for Pittsburgh.

HARRY ANDERSON, former Northwestern lightweight champion, has gone to San Francisco, where he will try his skill with the 135-pounders in the Bay City, under the management of "Judge" Flanagan of Portland.

Flanagan has evidently taken Harry, who left Seattle Monday for the Seal Rock town, to fill up the vacancy made in his stable when "Muff" Bronson left for his old home, in Winnipeg.

Anderson should get by very well in San Francisco. He is a good boxer and has always been considered one of the cleverest, if not the cleverest, lightweight in these parts.

SPECIAL MEETING
Matters of importance will come up tonight at a special meeting of the Boosters' club at the Good Eats cafeteria.

MUTT AND JEFF—It Was Only Figuratively Speaking, and Jeff Took It Literally.



11 to 2 Win Chalked for Locals

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Tacoma	19	4	.826
Seattle	18	10	.643
Great Falls	11	10	.524
Spokane	9	11	.452
Vancouver	8	12	.400
Butte	7	13	.348

With Paul Strand, no-hit, no-run hero, working in nice order and the Seattle batters hitting in top form, the locals fell on Joe McGinnis' Butte squad yesterday and annexed a victory, 11 to 2. The score:

Team	A	R	H	E	PO	A	E
Seattle	2	0	2	0	4	0	0
Leard	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Murphy	4	2	0	0	4	0	0
Gardner	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Carmen	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
Goldie	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
W. Cunningham	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hillyard	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sullivan	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Strand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	11	12	24	12	1	0

Team	A	R	H	E	PO	A	E
Butte	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Levin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Letzer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boehs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hillyard	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Carpenter	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Grant	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Levin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoffman	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schroeder	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyden	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	2	0	9	0	0

Seattle hit—Murphy. Sacrifice fly—Sullivan. Bases—W. Cunningham, 2. Struck out—By Strand 2, by Schroeder 2, off Hyden 2. Errors—1, off Schroeder in 6 innings; 1, off Hyden in 2 innings. Umpire—Eckman.

TIGERS STILL WIN
At Spokane 3-4-6, Tacoma 5-10-0, Bigbee and Baldwin; Pilliet and Stevens.

BEAVERS TAKE ONE
At Vancouver 2-7-1, Great Falls 1-2-0, Russell and Cadman; Hall and Check.

Want Bargain Games Earlier in the Season
Back East the baseball wisecracks are agitating the abandonment of the rule prohibiting the playing double-headers during the first series between two clubs.

"With the war and the war tax and the draft, there is no telling what the future may bring to baseball," says one New York writer.

LAMPING 'EM WITH LURID LARRY

If the Seattle team will continue to play the kind of ball it has the past two days it will be, as was predicted earlier in the year, the squad that the other clubs will have to beat to conquer the Northwestern league confalon this year.

With the addition of another winning pitcher Duggals will have a club that should prove the class of the league.

Local fans are getting anxious to see Tealey Raymond and his bunch of Tacoma Tigers. With Seattle and Tacoma fighting for the top place, there should no little excitement when the former giant and his Bengal clan arrive for their first series here on June 14.

Vernon Ayau, the only Chinese in professional ball, is fretting to get back into the fray. He was benched from short when his back went lame, and was then used in the outfield. Jack Goldie is a better fielder, however, and with the team in second place, Skipper Leard doesn't like to break up the combination.

Tomorrow is "ladies' day." Carl Mays, former N. W. leaguer, won for the Red Sox.

Yesterday's win was put over by the Glants by timely hitting. Of course later in the fray they hit everything, but it started out like a regular ball game, and was one for several innings.

Fine weather, eye lads? Two pitchers will get the ax when cutting time arrives next Sunday.

Doesn't Want Title Melee

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—Dominick Tortorich, boxing promoter, denied here today he had made an offer for a bout between Freddie Welsh and Johnny Kilbane. He said the only way he would undertake to stage the bout would be on a percentage basis.

Douglas Fairbanks Is Manager of Wrestler

Douglas Fairbanks, screenland's athletic bright light, has entered the sporting game in the capacity of manager of Bull Montana, the latter has met Henry Hiesinger, Young Hackenschmidt and a score of others.

Charles Hulén Loses Out as Prize Winner

By losing to Joe Schermer last night, 25 to 24, Charles Hulén dropped out of the prize list in the three-cushion billiard tourney now in progress for the city title.

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Many Boxers Are Coming

Mike H. Butler, of the Beaver Athletic club, Portland, may send four mitt-wielders to the Far Western meet here. He has Malcolm Beall, 108-pounder; Ed Relston, 158-pounder, and George Davis, 145-pound champion. Beall competed at the last Multnomah-Seattle program in Portland, and last March won the 115-pound boxing championship of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Davis is the present Pacific Northwest association 145-pound champion. He is now in Hoquiam, Wash., awaiting word from Butler.

Six of the best amateur boxers of the Olympic club, San Francisco, will also be sent north to compete in the tourney.

Kansas City, Milwaukee and Los Angeles have also signified their intentions of sending teams.

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Example: Stuffy McInnis, one of the greatest first basemen in baseball today.

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Last year McInnis was on the road to an achievement seldom attained by any batter—to hit .300 or more for 10 years.

For seven years McInnis has swatted that old horsehide for more than 300, and there seemed to be no reason why he should fall under that mark last year. McInnis was young, and at the start of the season it seemed he was the only man

Tiger Stars Not Hitting as of Yore

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NEW YORK, May 17.—Hughie Jennings, leader of the Tigers, is credited with having once declared that if he had good pitching, the American league race would be a Tiger winning streak. That was some years ago. Today Jennings is confronted with the sad truth that he is getting good pitching and no hitting.

The old Tiger wrecking crew is not wrecking, while the Tiger pitchers are turning in games that compare fairly well in the number of hits allowed with any hurlers in the league. Ty Cobb has not opened the season with any tremendous force of hitting, and Veach, Hellman and Burns have slumped with him. The old smashing attack is failing to drive the runs across. As a consequence the games are not being won.

Since the start of this season the Detroit pitchers have permitted slightly more than seven hits to each contest, while the Red Sox, leaders of the league by a good margin, possess hurlers who are very little more effective. The Boston moundmen have permitted within a fraction of seven hits a game.

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